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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to voice my beliefs about the November 2001 proposed settlement reached between Microsoft and the government. First, the Department of Justice never should have sued Microsoft. It was completely wrong. Microsoft should not be forced to litigate its business practices beyond what has already transpired. As a Christian, I believe that the government was strictly motivated by greed.

The settlement constitutes a great opportunity for this country, putting disputes to rest, and allowing Microsoft to progress through continued innovation. Microsoft has agreed to have a government appointed watchdog monitor their business practices. If Microsoft breaks any term of their settlement, they will be held responsible for their actions. This is good enough for me to see Microsoft agreeing to be monitored.

The government has moved away from these values as I see it, becoming much bigger than itself, not by the people, or for the people, but by those who run the people, who own the people. As a person who lives by the good word, the people are speaking, I am one voice crying out in the wilderness, "Let Microsoft continue onward, support this settlement without any further punishment or actions against them." This is in the best interest of Microsoft, the government, and the economy and for this nation.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cartwright